may exceed the 1% and 2% caps described in $\S\,200.13.$

WHEN MAY A STATE OR LEA EXCEED THE 1% AND 2% CAPS?

	Alternate academic achievement standards—1% cap	Modified academic achievement standards—2% cap	Alternate and modified academic achievement standards—3%
State	Not permitted	Only if State is below 1% cap, but cannot exceed 3%.	Not permitted.
LEA	Only if granted an exception by the SEA.	Only if LEA is below 1% cap, but cannot exceed 3%.	Only if granted an exception to the 1% cap by the SEA, and only by the amount of the ex- ception.

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§ 200.14 Components of Adequate Yearly Progress.

A State's definition of AYP must include all of the following:

- (a) A timeline in accordance with §200.15.
- (b) Starting points in accordance with §200.16.
- (c) Intermediate goals in accordance with §200.17.
- (d) Annual measurable objectives in accordance with § 200.18.
- (e) Other academic indicators in accordance with § 200.19.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)) [67 FR 71716, Dec. 2, 2002]

§ 200.15 Timeline.

- (a) Each State must establish a timeline for making AYP that ensures that, not later than the 2013–2014 school year, all students in each group described in §200.13(b)(7) will meet or exceed the State's proficient level of academic achievement.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsequent changes a State may make to its academic assessment system or its definition of AYP under §§ 200.13 through 200.20, the State may not extend its timeline for all students to reach proficiency beyond the 2013–2014 school year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)) [67 FR 71716, Dec. 2, 2002]

§ 200.16 Starting points.

(a) Using data from the 2001–2002 school year, each State must establish starting points in reading/language arts and in mathematics for measuring

the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the State's proficient level of academic achievement.

- (b) Each starting point must be based, at a minimum, on the higher of the following percentages of students at the proficient level:
- (1) The percentage in the State of proficient students in the lowest-achieving subgroup of students under §200.13(b)(7)(ii).
- (2) The percentage of proficient students in the school that represents 20 percent of the State's total enrollment among all schools ranked by the percentage of students at the proficient level. The State must determine this percentage as follows:
- (i) Rank each school in the State according to the percentage of proficient students in the school.
- (ii) Determine 20 percent of the total enrollment in all schools in the State.
- (iii) Beginning with the lowest-ranked school, add the number of students enrolled in each school until reaching the school that represents 20 percent of the State's total enrollment among all schools.
- (iv) Identify the percentage of proficient students in the school identified in paragraph (iii).
- (c)(1) Except as permitted under paragraph (c)(2) of this section, each starting point must be the same throughout the State for each school, each LEA, and each group of students under \$200.13(b)(7).
- (2) A State may use the procedures under paragraph (b) of this section to

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establish separate starting points by grade span.

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§ 200.17 Intermediate goals.

Each State must establish intermediate goals that increase in equal increments over the period covered by the timeline under §200.15 as follows:

- (a) The first incremental increase must take effect not later than the 2004–2005 school year.
- (b) Each following incremental increase must occur in not more than three years.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2))

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§ 200.18 Annual measurable objectives.

- (a) Each State must establish annual measurable objectives that—
- (1) Identify for each year a minimum percentage of students that must meet or exceed the proficient level of academic achievement on the State's academic assessments; and
- (2) Ensure that all students meet or exceed the State's proficient level of academic achievement within the timeline under § 200.15.
- (b) The State's annual measurable objectives—
- (1) Must be the same throughout the State for each school, each LEA, and each group of students under § 200.13(b)(7); and
- (2) May be the same for more than one year, consistent with the State's intermediate goals under § 200.17.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2))

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§ 200.19 Other academic indicators.

- (a) Elementary and middle schools—(1) Choice of indicator. To determine AYP, consistent with §200.14(e), each State must use at least one other academic indicator for public elementary schools and at least one other academic indicator for public middle schools, such as those in paragraph (c) of this section.
- (2) Goals. A State may, but is not required to, increase the goals of its other academic indicators over the course of the timeline under § 200.15.

- (3) Reporting. A State and its LEAs must report under section 1111(h) of the Act (annual report cards) performance on the academic indicators for elementary and middle schools at the school, LEA, and State levels in the aggregate and disaggregated by each subgroup described in §200.13(b)(7)(ii).
 - (4) Determining AYP. A State—
- (i) Must disaggregate its other academic indicators for elementary and middle schools by each subgroup described in §200.13(b)(7)(ii) for purposes of determining AYP under §200.20(b)(2) ("safe harbor") and as required under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vii) of the Act (additional academic indicators under paragraph (c) of this section); but (ii) Need not disaggregate those indicators AYP for determining under §200.20(a)(1)(ii) (meeting the State's annual measurable objectives).
- (b) High schools—(1) Graduation rate. Consistent with paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) of this section regarding reporting and determining AYP, respectively, each State must calculate a graduation rate, defined as follows, for all public high schools in the State:
- (i)(A) A State must calculate a "fouryear adjusted cohort graduation rate," defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for that graduating class.
- (B) For those high schools that start after grade nine, the cohort must be calculated based on the earliest high school grade.
- (ii) The term "adjusted cohort" means the students who enter grade 9 (or the earliest high school grade) and any students who transfer into the cohort in grades 9 through 12 minus any students removed from the cohort.
- (A) The term "students who transfer into the cohort" means the students who enroll after the beginning of the entering cohort's first year in high school, up to and including in grade 12.
- (B) To remove a student from the cohort, a school or LEA must confirm in writing that the student transferred out, emigrated to another country, or is deceased.
- (1) To confirm that a student transferred out, the school or LEA must have official written documentation